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What is being done at a local level, in the neighborhood, to prevent and discourage small-time drug dealers is discussed. Partnerships of law enforcement and grassroots citizens' groups are working in many places to reduce the availability and impact of drugs in their communities. The book opens with a discussion of drug use and the urban communities in the United States where they have developed such a hold on the lives of residents. The second chapter discusses a basic action citizens can take--calling police and reporting drug activity. Chapter 3 explores indigenous community antidrug programs in their various forms and presents the case study of a successful effort in Philadelphia (Pennsylvania). Chapter 4 then reviews implanted community antidrug programs, those established with external funds and organized from outside the community. Four major examples of this type of program, in which more rigorous evaluations are often possible, show their potential. Police efforts in the neighborhoods are the subject of Chapter 5, and Chapter 6 looks at another law-enforcement approach, programs for the abatement of drug houses. A successful initiative of this sort in Milwaukee (Wisconsin) is profiled. The final chapter summarizes information about neighborhood antidrug approaches. (Contains 6 figures, 5 tables, and 203 references.) (SLD)

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